

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, The provision of safe and reliable utility service is essential to the public health and economic well-being of every citizen of Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, Utility service to Kentucky homes and businesses is disrupted on a daily basis when buried lines are damaged or severed by excavation activity; and
- WHEREAS, Digging into buried lines not only interrupts service and causes property damage, but also poses a threat of injury or death to workers and the public; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's "Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act" requires that underground utility lines be properly located and marked prior to excavation activity by contractors and property owners; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's "8-1-1" toll-free "call before you dig" telephone number is the only statewide, around-the-clock provider of underground facility location services, and 286 of Kentucky's utility providers - including all of the major companies - are members of Kentucky 811; and
- WHEREAS, Although public awareness of underground utility protection has increased and been enhanced since 811 became the number to call, the ongoing problem of damage to underground facilities indicates a need for further public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2010, as

## KENTUCKY 8-1-1 UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION DAY

in Kentucky, and call upon all Kentuckians to familiarize themselves with and comply with the before-you-dig requirements in Kentucky and to avail themselves of the Kentucky 811 service.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two  
Thousand Ten and in the 219<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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